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SUBJECT: IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM REQUESTS ASYLUM TO YEMEN

REF: A. SANAA 1139

[1](#)B. SANAA 898

[1](#)C. STATE 102827

Classified By: DCM Alan G. Misenheimer for Reasons 1.5 (b,c,d)

[1](#)1. (S/NF) Abdul Hakim al-Iryani, Advisor to Foreign Minister Qirbi, called the DCM on 5/31 to request immediate assistance in vetting the Iraqi Ambassador to Vietnam, his wife, and the members of his family in para 3 who have requested asylum to Yemen.

[1](#)2. (S/NF) The original fax from the MFA (para 3) arrived on May 31 and has been shared with ORCA and DAO. Iryani has been informed that we are attempting to obtain releasable information and will respond as soon as possible.

[1](#)3. (C) Text of 5/31 MFA fax:

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Fax Message

To: Allen Misenheimer, DCM, American Embassy, Sana'a

From: Abdulakim Aleryani, MFA

Date: 31 May, 2003

URGENT

Dear Allen,

We have received an asylum request from the Iraqi Ambassador to Vietnam and his family. A decision should be taken by tomorrow, Sunday 1st June. We would like to know if the persons in question have any relation to Iraqi Intelligence Service before we make a final decision. Following are the details of the persons involved:

[1](#)1. Mr. Salah Al-Mukhtar

[1](#)2. Mrs. Nawar Al-Saadoon

[1](#)3. Aws Salah Al-Mukhtar

[1](#)4. Wahb Salah Al-Mukhtar

[1](#)5. Zaid Salah Al-Mukhtar

A prompt response would be highly appreciated.

Best Regards,

Adulhakim

(End text)

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